

by said light sources and outputting an image signal; and

light source controlling means for controlling said plurality of light sources so that a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources is turned on a plurality of times and is turned off a plurality of times during a period in which no image sensing operation is performed by said image sensing means.

14. (amended) A method of sensing an image, comprising the steps of: illuminating an image by a plurality of light sources which emit light with different wavelengths thereby sensing said image; and turning on and turning off a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources a plurality of times during a period in which no sensing operation is performed.

27. (amended) A control memory in which is stored a program for controlling an image sensing apparatus to perform the steps of: illuminating an image by a plurality of light sources which emit light with different wavelengths thereby sensing said image; and turning on and turning off a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources a plurality of times during a period in which no sensing operation is performed.

40. (amended) An image sensing apparatus comprising:
a plurality of light sources for emitting light with different wavelengths;

image sensing means for sensing an image illuminated by said light sources and outputting an image signal; and

light source controlling means for controlling said plurality of light sources so that a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources is turned on and another light

source of said plurality of light sources is turned off a plurality of times during a period in which no image sensing operation is performed by said sensing means.

50. (amended) An image sensing method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of light sources for emitting light with different wavelengths;

sensing an image illuminated by said light sources and outputting an image signal; and

controlling said plurality of light sources so that a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources is turned on and another light source of said plurality of light sources is turned off a plurality of times during a period in which no sensing operation is performed.

60. (amended) A control memory in which is stored a program for carrying out an image sensing operation comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of light sources for emitting light with different wavelengths ;

sensing an image illuminated by said light sources and outputting an image signal;; and

controlling said plurality of light sources so that a predetermined light source of said plurality of light sources is turned on and another light source of said plurality of light sources is turned off a plurality of times during a period in which no image sensing operation is performed.